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Would-be suicide bomber Akayed Ullah tried but failed to take the lives of New Yorkers yesterday in an attack at the Port Authority Bus Terminal. Now, investigators are looking into the Bangladeshi immigrant's background as the city works to keep everyone safe. 2

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New Yorkers are on edge after the second terror attack in six weeks sent shock waves through the city yesterday. This time, a Bangladeshi suicide bomber set off a homemade pipe bomb in

a pedestrian subway passage. Fortunately, no one was killed, and the suspect was arrested. But questions linger about the safety of the city and other metro areas across the nation. Visit Metro. us for continued coverage of this heinous act.



# Rush-hour attack rocks NYC

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"We're not going to allow them to disrupt us," said New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

A homemade pipe bomb strapped to a man's body detonated at a bustling New York City transit Monday mornhimself injuring and three bystanders in what Mayor Bill DeBlasio called a terror attack.

The explosion went off at 7:20 a.m. in a subway tunnel at the Port Authority Bus Terminal, just a block from Times Square. Commuters fled the scene as the blast echoed out and filled parts of the building with smoke.

Police arrested the suspect, Akayed Ullah, shortly after. Ullah, 27, is an immigrant from Bangladesh who lives in Brooklyn. He was taken to a local hospital with severe injuries, including burns to his body, officials said.

Law enforcement officials said the improvised explosive device was akin to a pipe bomb, which he'd apparently learned to make on the internet.

This was a terror attack in our subway," de Blasio said at a press conference on 42nd Street just before 10 a.m. "There was one individual who, thank God, was unsuccessful in his aims.'

NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill did confirm that Ullah made a statement before the device detonated, but when asked if it may have been in support of the Islamic State group (ISIS), he said, 'We're not going to talk about that right now," nor would he discuss Ullah's history or if he was known to authorities.

"It is very frightening and disturbing when you hear about a bomb in the subway station," Gov. Andrew Cuomo said, calling it a "worst nightmare." "But the reality is that we are a target by many who would like to make a statement against free-

"We're not going to allow them to disrupt us – that is exactly what they want and exactly what they're not going to get," the governor added.

Three bystanders in the vicinity of the explosion suffered non-lifethreatening injuries, which included ringing ears FDNY and headaches, Commissioner Daniel Nigro said, and were treated at area hos-

The explosion came just weeks after Sayfullo Saipov drove a rented down a Lower



New York Police officers stand outside the New York Port Authority after an explosion on Monday morning. ALL PHOTOS BY GETTY IMAGES

"We're not going to allow them to disrupt us — that is exactly what they want and exactly what they're not going to get."

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Manhattan bike path on Halloween, killing eight people and injuring a dozen others. Saipov had expressed support for ISIS in that attack.

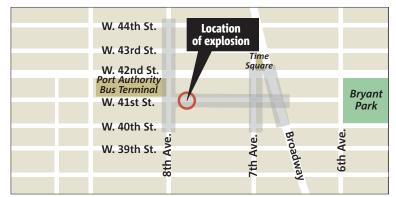
blast Monday's brought the city's subway system to a standstill until late morning, though transit authorities said they expected service to return to normal later that day.

'Now, the mission is to secure all major transit hubs and sites," de Blasio said, adding that New Yorkers can expect NŶPD "expanded presence today."

"This is the most resilient place on Earth," he said. "We're going to keep being New Yorkers. Let's get back to work."



NYPD officers were deployed near the subway entrances at the Port Authority





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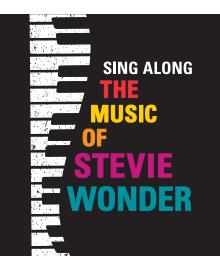
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# New Yorkers resilient in wake of Times Square, Port Authority explosion

"We got on the train as if it were any other day. The terrorists will never beat New Yorkers because we've got s—t to do," one comedian tweeted.



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On Monday morning, for the second time in 41 days, New Yorkers faced a terror attack after a man detonated an improvised explosive device in a busy Times Square subway station.

Though commuters were understandably shaken, determined residents and city officials refused to let the attack interfere with their lives.

Comedian Nick Jack Pappas tweeted that he and his wife take the subway toward Port Authority almost daily. "After hearing about the bombing, we got on the train as if it were any other day. The terrorists will never beat New Yorkers because we've got shit to do," he said.

Pappas was not alone, as many residents went about their business as usual, even despite the mass subway delays that ensued.

"It took me more than an hour to get home from an appointment downtown," said Becki Jacoby of Harlem. "But I just settled in as I would with any other delay."

When asked if she was fearful that two attacks occurred in the span of 41 days, Jacoby shrugged.

"I think we always have to be fearful that this will happen, espe-

FOR THE SECOND TIME IN 41 DAYS, NEW YORKERS FACED A TERROR ATTACK.



City dwellers and tourists carried on Monday, seemingly unfazed by the bombing that bellowed through the Times Square area. GETTY IMAGES

cially here, especially now, but we can't not live," she said. "You just have to be much more aware of what's happening around us."

To that end, NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill urged all New Yorkers to help keep their city safe.

"It takes all 6M people who ride the trains every day — everybody's eyes and ears. If something doesn't look right, doesn't feel right — flag down a cop, give us a chance to investigate. Public safety's a shared responsibility." he tweeted.

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The explosion initially halted the morning commute, especially on the subway lines that pass through the busy Midtown transit hub, but even the trains carried on. MTA Chairman Joseph Lhota said service would be resumed by the evening rush hour, and he was right. By 2 p.m., service was restored on all train lines, including the A, C and E, which had bypassed 42nd Street/ Port Authority since the blast. Service was expected to be normal on Tuesday, though customers will need to exit the

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Becki Jacob

station to transfer to 1 Subway, 2 Subway, 3 Subway, Q Subway, N Subway, Q Subway, R Subway and 7 Subway trains at 42 St-Times Square because the passageway is closed due to the ongoing police investigation. No additional fare will be charged for transfers.

"This is one of my nightmares," Gov. Andrew Cuomo told NY1 just hours after the incident, adding that "the reality is not as bad as the fear."

"When we hear of an attack on the subway, it's incredibly unsettling," Mayor Bill de Blasio said at a press conference soon after the attack, but was quick to add that there were no other "credible and specific threats against New York

City at this time."

De Blasio, Cuomo and O'Neill applauded New Yorker's resilience when faced with incidents such as Monday's explosion or the truck attack in Lower Manhattan on Halloween.

"This is most resilient place on Earth, we've proven it time and time again," the mayor said. "We've proved it just over a month ago. We proved it on 9/11. We are going to prove it again today. The terrorists will not win, we are going keep being New Yorkers."

The department and FBI are asking witnesses or anyone with information about the explosion to call 888-NYC-Safe or 800-Call-FBI or visit the 10th Precinct at 230 W. 20th Street



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# Who is Akayed Ullah, the suspect in the Port Authority bombing?

An explosion occurred in the subway near the transit hub Monday morning, and police have the alleged culprit in custody.



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Akayed Ullah, a 27-yearold man, reportedly detonated a pipe bomb in the subway near Times Square on Monday morning, NYPD said, causing minor injuries and disrupting multiple trains.

Ullah is at Bellevue Hospital on Manhattan's East Side. He sustained burns and wounds to his body from the bomb, which was strapped to his body, as is consistent with a suicide bomber, officials said. NYPD have called the incident a terror attack.

Ullah is a Bangladeshi national who was inspired by ISIS, law-enforcement officials told the Associated Press.

When asked if he is connected to ISIS, NYPD Commissioner James P. O'Neill said, "He did make statements" on the way to the hospital, but O'Neill did not elaborate.

Police were investigating Ullah's Brooklyn apartment Monday morning. Ullah came to the United States about seven years ago, a U.S. official told The Daily Beast.

There are few details known about Ullah's background. The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission confirmed that a man



Akayed Ullah is in custody after detonating a pipe bomb attached to his body Monday morning, NYPD said. NYCTLC

named Akayed Ullah was previously licensed with it

Ullah used to hold a "For-Hire Vehicle" license, which covers black cars and livery cars. Ullah held that license, which has since lapsed, from March 2012 to March 2015. He did not hold a license to work as a taxi driver, a TLC spokesperson said.

The bomb was an "improvised, low-tech device," officials said. Ullah reportedly told police that he made the device at the electrical company where he works, according to the New York Post.

Officials reported four injuries in total from the explosion, including Ullah. All of those injuries are not life threatening, FDNY said. Officials believe the pipe bomb detonated earlier than planned. The occurred in the 42nd Street pedestrian tunnel between Port Authority and Times Square around 7:20 a.m.

Ullah is believed to have carried out this attack on his own. Though he was reportedly inspired by ISIS, he did not have contact with the terrorist organization, the AP reported. Officials said that there are no other known threats.

"At this point in time, all we know of is one individual who, thank God, was unsuccessful in his aims," Mayor Bill de Blasio said at a news conference Monday morning. "There are also no credible and specific threats against New York City at this time."

The FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force is conducting a full background investigation into Ullah. Officials are asking anyone who may have information about him or the attack to call the terror hot line at 888-NYC-SAFE.



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He noticed that men's public restrooms were not as equipped for childcare, and even still, women's rooms, though more likely to have changing tables, weren't required to — and this put the health and safety of babies in jeopardy. The solution was obvious: Put tables in all bathrooms.

Espinal began to advocate for legislation ensuring that, when duty calls, any parent can change their child's diaper worry-free. As a result, a bill requiring all public restrooms to have appropriate changing tables was passed by the New York City Council



NYC public restrooms, like the one pictured, will have a new requirement. GETTY IMAGES

Monday morning. Buildings affected by this legislation include movie theaters, coffee shops and restaurants, and Espinal suspects it will go into effect by early spring.

In 2016, President

In 2016, President Obama signed the Bathrooms Accessible in Every Situation Act, which requires changing tables in federal building bathrooms open to the public, such as post offices, courthouses and Social Security offices.

However, Espinal was ahead of the game — he went to work on passing this NYC bill almost two years ago. He told Metro the bill was met with "little resistance and a lot of support [because] in reality, it is a real issue that parents are dealing with."

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# Trump makes robo-call for **Moore as Democrat Jones** takes lead in Alabama race

Moore got support from Trump, who has also battled sexual harassment President Donald Trump sought to boost Republican U.S. Senate candidate Roy Moore by releasing a recorded phone call on his

of a bitter Alabama election fight marked by accusations of sexual misconduct against Moore.

Moore, 70, a conservative Christian and former Alabama Supreme Court justice, will face off in Tuesday's election against Democrat Doug Jones, 63, a former U.S. attorney.

On Monday, the eve of the election, the Moore campaign is rolling out a robo-call with Trump's voice telling voters that if they do not support the Republican candidate, progress on his agenda will be "stopped cold."

Democrats then de-cided to make robo-calls using two of their party's own big guns - former President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden.

The race has divided Trump's Republican Party and given Democrats a rare opening in deeply Alabama, conservative which has sent only Republicans to the U.S. Senate for the past 20 years.

A Fox News Poll conducted on Thursday and released on Monday put Jones ahead of Moore, with Jones potentially taking 50 percent of the vote and Moore 40 percent. Fox said 8 percent of voters were undecided and 2 percent support another candidate.

Moore has maintained a low profile, refusing interview requests and holding few public events. He planned an election-eve rally with former White House strategist Steve Bannon, an executive at the right-wing Breitbart News site who has been one of Moore's most ardent backers.

While Trump, who swept Alabama in the 2016 presidential election, backs Moore, many other national Republicans, such Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, have distanced themselves after Moore was accused last month by several women of pursuing them when they were teenagers and he was in his 30s. One woman accused him of trying to seduce her when she was 14.

Moore has denied

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has not independently verified any of the accusations.

The allegations have given new hope to Jones, who has touted a record that includes prosecut-ing former Ku Klux Klan members responsible for a 1963 bombing of a black church in which four girls were killed.

If Jones wins on Tuesday, Republicans would control the Senate by a slim 51-49 margin, giving Democrats much-needed momentum ahead of the November 2018 congressional elections, when control of both chambers of Congress will be at stake.

Jones has spent the past week rallying African-Americans, the most reliably Democratic voters in the state, and hammering Moore in television ads.

He held a series of getout-the-vote rallies across the state on Sunday.

"This campaign, ladies and gentlemen, is on the right side of history for the state of Alabama,' Jones told supporters in Birmingham on Sunday.

Trump underscored his support for Moore at a rally on Friday night in Pensacola, Florida, near the Alabama state line, where he said Jones would be a "total puppet" of Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer and House of Representatives Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi.

Many Republican officials in Alabama, including Gov. Kay Ivey, say they will vote for Moore. But the state's senior Republican senator, Richard Shelby, said he did not vote for Moore and instead backed a write-in candidate when he cast his absentee vote. "I think the women are believable," Shelby told CNN on Sunday.

Moore, who was twice removed from the state Supreme Court for refusing to abide by federal law, may find a chilly reception in Washington if he wins. Republican Senator Tim Scott told NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday that the chamber would immediately subject Moore to an ethics investigation. REUTERS



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# US military must accept transgender recruits by January 1, judge rules

Transgender recruits will be able to join the U.S. military Jan. 1, a federal judge ruled Monday, denying a request by President Donald Trump's administration to enforce his ban on transgender troops while the government appeals an order block-

U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly in Washington refused to lift part of her Oct. 30 order stopping the ban from taking effect until the case is resolved, because it likely violates the Constitution's guarantees of due process and equal protection under the law.

The administration had argued that the Jan. 1 deadline was problematic because tens of thousands of personnel would have to be trained on the medical standards needed to process transgender applicants, and the military was not ready for that. Kollar-Kotelly rejected the concerns, saying that preparations for accepting transgender troops were underway during the administration of Trump's predecessor, Barack Obama.

The directive from the secretary of defense requiring the military to prepare to begin allowing accession of transgender individuals was issued on June 30, 2016 - nearly one-anda-half years ago," the judge said.

Several transgender

service members filed a lawsuit after Trump announced in July he would ban transgender people from the military, citing concern over military focus and medical costs.

In an August memorandum, Trump gave the military until March 2018 to revert to a policy prohibiting openly transgender individuals from joining the military and authorizing their discharge. The memo also halted the use of government funds for sex-reassignment surgery for activeduty personnel.

Defense Secretary James Mattis had previously delayed a deadline that had been set during the Obama administration to begin enlisting transgender recruits to Jan. 1, which Trump's ban then put off indefinitely.

The Pentagon said Monday it was preparing to allow transgender people to enter the U.S. military Jan. 1, following court orders.

The service members who sued Trump, Mattis and military leaders in August had been serving openly as transgender people in the U.S. Army, Air Force and Coast Guard. They said Trump's ban discriminated against them based on their sex and transgender status.

In her October ruling, Kollar-Kotelly said the Trump administration's reasons for the ban "do not appear

to be supported by any facts" and cited a military-commissioned study that debunked concerns about military cohesion or healthcare

A second federal

judge in Maryland also halted the ban in a Nov. 21 ruling. The White House

on Monday said the Justice Department was reviewing its options after the federal judge

denied the request by President Trump's to enforce his ban on transgender troops while the government appeals an order blocking it.
"The Department

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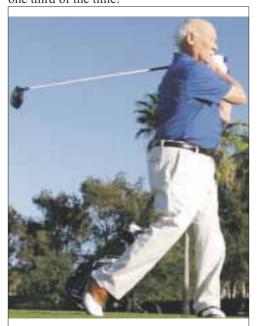
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may help you if you have knee pain due to arthritis. It may also help you if you do not have dramatic signs of arthritis on x-ray. Studies show that arthritis is present long before it can be seen on x-ray. In fact, the sooner you start this treatment the better. So, if you have knee pain - seeing one of the specially trained medical doctors at *NYC Pain MD* could be the answer you are looking for. This is important - this is especially for you if you have had viscosupplmentation in the past without good results.

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In fact some patients have decided to cancel knee surgery and others go back to a active lifestyle they had before it was stolen by all the pain.

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# **US no longer granting loan relief to** defrauded students: Inspector general

Borrowers are seeing interest and fees accrue and their credit damaged.

The U.S. Education Department under President Donald Trump and has stopped cancelling the student-loan debt of people defrauded by failed for-profit schools and those borrowers face mounting interest and other burdens, its inspector general said

DeVos is seeking to redo the process for cancelling the debts of people who attended Corinthian Colleges, which collapsed in 2015 amid government investigations into its post-graduation rates, and other failed schools.

In the final days of administration, President Barack Obama approved rules speeding up the debt cancellations. DeVos has delayed implementing

create significant costs for taxpayers.

According to a report by the inspector general, DeVos also brought the existing cancellation process to a crawl.

Since Trump's inauguration on Jan. 20, the department has received 25,991 claims for discharging loans. It has denied two requests and approved none, the inspector general, an independent auditor within the agency, found.

That is in contrast to Obama's final months in office. From July 1, 2016, through inauguration, the department received 46,274 claims and approved 27,986. It denied none.

Caught in limbo, borrowers are seeing interest and fees accrue and their credit damaged, the inspector general's report showed. Borrowers could ultimately owe more on a denied discharge than if they had not asked for cancellation and simply continued making payments, the inspector said.

Some state attorneys general have pushed the department to cancel the loans, saying students cannot afford to repay the often-large amounts because the schools did not give them adequate training or a diploma.

The inspector general also found the department did not have a sufficient information system and had to manually retrieve claims data.

"Hundreds of thousands of students were defrauded and cheated by predatory colleges that broke the law, but today's report confirms Secretary DeVos tried to shirk her responsibility to these students and shut down the borrowerdefense program, leaving them with nowhere to turn," said Senator Patty Murray, the senior Democrat on the Education Committee.

In a memo to the inspector general, A. Wayne Johnson, chief operating officer of the federal student aid program, said the department has "authorized an interest credit" for longoutstanding claims, will resume reviewing some claims and will soon approve claims for 11,000 Corinthian students.



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# Lindsey Vonn suffers back injury during ski race, Trump supporters celebrate

People took to Twitter to say she deserved to get injury for her recent comments about the president.



American Olympic ski racer Lindsey Vonn suffered a back injury on Saturday during a super-G race at the St. Moritz

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Vonn let her fans know she would not participate in the following race on Sunday.

"Unfortunately I will not be able to race today," Vonn tweeted Sunday. "I am extreme-

ly disappointed but my biggest goal this season is the Olympics and I need to take care of myself now so I can be ready for next week, and more importantly, for February. As always, thank you for the well

wishes."

Vonn later explained she has "acute facet [spinal joint] dysfunction" and her back "seized up" during the race.

Her injury came two days after she publicly criticized President Donald Trump during a CNN interview. During the interview, Vonn said she does not support Trump and she would not visit the White House to meet Trump if she was ever invited.

"Well I hope to represent the people of the United States, not the president," Vonn said to CNN's Christina MacFarlane.

After her appearance on CNN, the two-time Olympic medalist stood behind her views on the president during a news conference at a World Cup race last Friday.

"I was asked my opinion and I gave it," Vonn said to reporters Friday. "I mean, it's not necessarily my place to be sticking my nose in politics, but as an athlete I do have a voice, she added."

While she has received many well wishes and support from her fans and fellow athletes, Trump supporters, however, are taking to Twitter to celebrate her injury because they believe she was being "un-American" during the interview. Some are labeling her incident as "instant karma" and are using the hashtag "TrumpCurse."

Vonn, 33, has participated in three Olympics and has won two Olympic medals. She plans to make a speedy recovery so she can continue her pursuit of an Olympic medal during the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea.



Lindsey Vonn of USA during the Audi FIS Alpine Ski World Cup Women's Super G on Dec. 9, 2017, in St Moritz, Switzerland. GETTY IMAGES

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#### **TRUMP ALLEGATIONS**

#### Women accusing Trump of sexual misconduct seek congressional probe

Three women who have accused U.S. President Donald Trump of sexual misconduct called on Monday for a congressional inwestigation into his behavior amid a wave of similar accusations against prominent men in Hollywood, the media and politics.

Over the past two years, more than a dozen women have accused Trump of making unwanted sexual advances against them years before he entered politics.

Three of his accusers, Jessica Leeds, Rachel Crooks, and Samantha Holvey, said at a news conference on Monday that the accusations warranted new consideration given the broader discussion of sexual harassment in U.S. society.

Brave New Films, a nonprofit filmmaker, produced a video featuring 16 of Trump's accusers and organized the news conference in New York on Monday. In the film, women accused Trump of kissing them without permission, grabbing their private parts, putting his hand up their skirts, or making other unwanted advances.

Congress should "put aside their party affiliations and investigate Mr. Trump's history of sexual misconduct," said Crooks, a former receptionist for a real estate firm.

The women said they do not think Trump will resign over the allegations but that he should be held accountable.

Trump and White House officials have denied the allegations, some of which date back to the

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# Lawyer: Trump should skip golfing to answer sexual harassment suit

The president's lawyers say he's too busy doing his job "24-7."



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President Donald Trump's lawyer wants a judge to dismiss a defamation lawsuit related to charges of sexual harassment, claiming it would end up "controlling" Trump's time and take him away from a job he does "24-7." But the lawyer of the woman who filed it contends he could carve a few minutes out of his golf schedule.

"It's certainly true that a president has to do his job 24 hours a day. He's also a human being who does not do his job 24 hours a day," says attorney Mariann Wang. "We can certainly ensure that we



President Trump's love of golf has attracted criticism. GETTY IMAGES

take a deposition down at Mar-a-Lago in between his playing golf."

Wang represents Summer Zervos, a former contestant on "The Apprentice" who claims that Trump made unwanted sexual advances toward her a decade ago, kissing her repeatedly, groping her breast and thrusting his genitals at her. After Trump issued a statement dismissing her claims,

she filed the defamation suit. It now sits before a New York Supreme Court judge, who will determine if the case can proceed.

At issue: whether a sitting president can be sued in state court. Trump's attorney, Marc Kasowitz, argues the president is protected from lawsuits while he's in office. In Paula Jones' 1997 case against Bill Clinton, the Supreme Court ruled that presidents are not immune from civil lawsuits in office, but whether that applies to state cases is unclear.

Wang responded that she understood the president is busy, but "the individual who holds that office is not above the law."

Kasowitz has argued that Trump's denial doesn't constitute defamation and that Zervos' suit is politically motivated.

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### Tech pioneers write open letter asking FCC to cancel net neutrality vote

As the vote on net neutrality - scheduled for this Thursday, Dec. 14 — awaits the FCC, tensions are high. A total of 21 big-name leaders of the internet world published an open letter to the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the internet, which oversees the FCC, asking to cancel the vote to be conducted by Chairman Ajit Pai.

Pai has been actively seeking to repeal the rules protecting net neutrality, which in summary, ensures that the internet is an open platform for all users and that service providers (ISPs) are neither blocking/slowing the process of retrieving content nor charging people extra to view it.

If the rules protecting net neutrality are repealed, users could have to pay more money to get access to the same information that - say - a



Internet leaders have expressed concern over the net neutrality vote scheduled for Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

big business (with money) can access. Or, your own content could be blocked from public view.

Internet pioneers like inventor of the World Wide Web Tim Berners-Lee, "father of the Internet" Vinton Cerf, Mozilla Foundation executive chairwoman Mitchell Baker and businessmen like Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak were among the 21 to sign.

In it, they accuse Pai of moving too fast, calling the planned vote, "rushed and technically incorrect," and "an imminent threat to the Internet we

worked so hard to create."

As The Verge reported, the letter claimed that Pai is basing the vote on a flawed definition of how the internet works, suggesting that people already expected ISPs to manipulate their data."

Starting Tuesday, there's a campaign to "break the internet" with calls to stop the net neutrality vote scheduled for Thursday. The goal is to accumulate so much attention on the matter during the 48 hours leading up to the vote that the FCC has no choice but to listen. sam brodsky



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# Australian 'Dr. Death' creates 'suicide machine' that could be available next year

An Australian doctor nicknamed "Dr. Death" just developed a suicide machine many are dubbing the "death pod." He calls it "the Sacro," and it has the world up in arms.

Dr. Philip Nitschke, 70, built this machine in the Netherlands where assisted-suicide for terminally-ill adults has been legal since 2002. This 3D-printed "coffin" uses canisters of liquid nitrogen to ultimately end a life. After a minute and a half inside, a person feels disoriented, then loses consciousness. It takes about five minutes to pass away, but if you change your mind during the process, there's an emergency window for oxygen as well as a reachable "stop" button.

Access to the Sacro is only given to those who pass an online questionnaire to ensure they meet certain criteria



Dr. Philip Nitschke created the Sacro, or what people are calling the "death pod." FACEBOOK

such as "being sane of mind." Nitschke further elaborated in an interview with Vice: "Depression is not an excluding factor when it comes to use of the Sacro. But if you're depressed or physically ill to the point that you don't know what you're doing, you won't pass the test and Sarco is not an option for you."

According to Nitschke, the first Sacro will be built legally in Switzerland. He hopes blueprints will be available online by 2018 and that it can be printed anywhere, anytime. "There might be people who abuse the Sacro or particular drugs, but there are also a lot of people who will benefit," the doctor claims.

Nitschke was reportedly the first doctor in the world to give one of his patients a legal deadly injection. That was in 1996. A year later he founded Exit International, an organization promoting euthanasia and assisted suicide. His book, "Peaceful Pill Handbook," provides information on where these end-of-life options are legal, what forms they come in — pills, poisons, etc. — and who they are available to.

Newsweek reported that Nitschke has devised other death machines in the past — one he called "the Deliverance," consisting of a laptop and IV system, another he called an "exit bag," a breathing mask that expelled carbon monoxide.

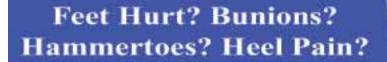
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Nitschke is nicknamed
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suicide activist Dr. Jack Kevorkian, who administered well over 100 of these procedures to end patients' suffering before passing away in 2011. His experimentations with "death machines" seemed unnatural to many and on the edge of the law.

Kevorkian served eight years in prison for charges of second-degree murder in 1999 after "60 Minutes" broadcasted a video of him injecting lethal drugs into a man with Lou Gehrig's disease. Long before this, however, he was close to prison several times due to his controversial work. This specific case caused national concern because Kevorkian was administering the euthanasia himself to a patient who was seemingly incompetent. For Nitschke, Kervokian's work has been a major influence.

Assisted suicide, or as many doctors prefer to call it, "assisted death or dying," "aided dying" or "death with dignity," differs from voluntary euthanasia. In euthanasia, the doctor hastens a terminally ill patient's death him — or herself. In assisted suicide, the patient is given control. In typical cases, a licensed physician gives their patient a prescription to take at home.

The Death with Dignity website defined assisted suicide as: "An end-of-life option that allows certain terminally ill people to voluntarily and legally request and receive a prescription medication from their physician to hasten their death in a peaceful, humane and dignified manner." Sambroosky



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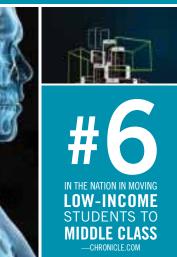












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# Lyft partners with Guild to send drivers to school

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On Monday, Dec. 11, education benefits company Guild Education announced it would partner with Lyft to help drivers in the New York City area further their education. This program will give drivers access to personalized college advising and tuition discounts from over 80 online non-profit universities and other educational platforms.

Drivers will be able to work toward earning bachelor's and master's degrees as well as other tech-based certificates. There is also the option to take other GED vocational courses and English as a secondlanguage. Together they

will help drivers balance their time between driving and learning skills to help them advance their lives and future careers.

"We know many Lyft drivers are driving toward personal goals,



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which often include continued education and learning," says Vipul Patel, Lyft New York general manager. "Every day, drivers around New York help us get to where we're going. This program will help them

to get where they're go-

ing."

Drivers who enroll in this program are expected to receive tuition discounts up to "\$4,220 a year, for an average savings of \$16,880 by the time they earn their degree." This will help to make sure that drivers looking to change careers

will not be bogged down with crippling debt once they earn their degrees.

As Rachel Carlson, the co-founder, and CEO of Guild Education sees it, Lyft is the perfect partnership for this kind of far-reaching program. "Education has never been more important for working adults than it is today." says Carlson. "At Guild, we're thrilled to be working with a global leader like Lyft who's deeply committed to their drivers. This partnership marks the start of a new era for the modern workforce."

The parental instinct is to help out your children. Here's how to do so without detriment to yourself and your child. ISTOCK

# Don't fall into the parent trap



You can't blame parents for wanting to help their adult children. But when they fork over cash for their kids' daily living expenses, parents may jeopardize their children's long-term financial success - and put their own retirement at risk. Fifty-six percent of parents with children age 18 or older said they've paid for their adult children's groceries, 40% have covered their health insurance and 21% have paid for rent or housing, according to a new NerdWallet survey, conducted by Harris

Poll, of 656 parents with children age 18 and older. Even if your bank account can withstand these headwinds, giving money isn't a great way to teach your child financial savvy. Luckily, there are ways for you and your child to achieve a healthier relationship with money – one in which your child gains financial independence and you get your retirement savings on track. Consider these

I Figure out why The first step is identifying why you're providing the support. Helping kids is "virtually always born out of love and concern," says Susan Zimmerman, a chartered financial consultant, marriage and family therapist and co-founder of Mindful Asset Planning, in Apple Valley, Minnesota. Often, a secondary driver

is a desire to keep your child happy. Wanting to please others isn't necessarily wrong, but "you can end up having too much of a good thing." Keep that in mind as you take the next steps to trim back your finan-

#### 2 Get clarity on your own finances

Before explaining the new arrangement to your adult child, figure out where you stand in terms of retirement savings. If you understand your money picture, you can tell your child exactly why you need to cut back. Plus, it's a good way to model smart financial behavior.

#### 3 Have the conversa-

The next step is to talk with your child. This could be a touchy topic, so give him or her fair warning, Zimmerman



Once you're together, explain why your financial assistance will need to stop. Zimmerman suggests saying something like this: "We calculated our income needs for retirement, and we're falling short. That's why we need to start preserving the little bit of excess that

f 4 Create a timeline Give your child some time to prepare by setting a date for when your contributions will end.

#### 5 Offer other types of support

"Sometimes the better thing for the wealthy parent to do is to start connecting those children to the many

resources that exist now: career counseling, life coaching, financial counseling," Zimmerman says.

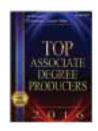
That way, she says, you can tell your child: "I want you to feel the joy of experiencing achievement and success, however you define it for yourself." ANDREA COOMBES

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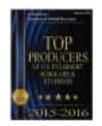


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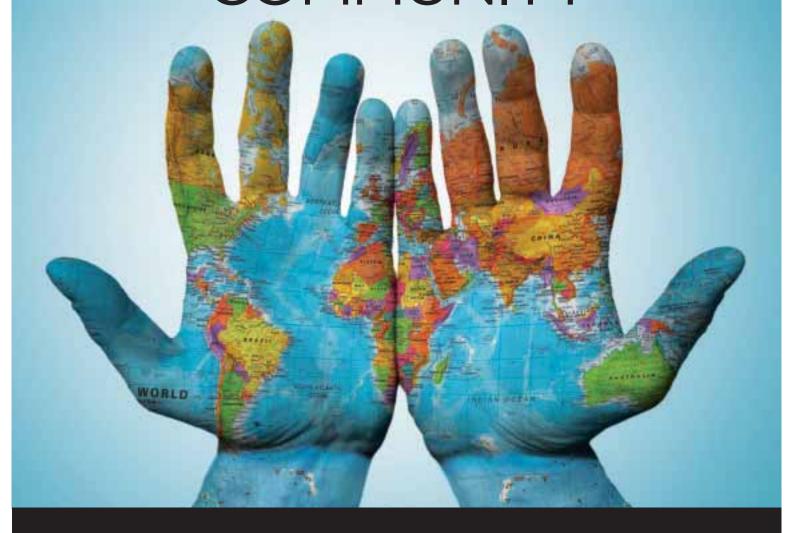




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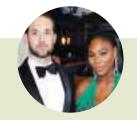
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# Celebrities who tied the knot in 17

Ah, marriage. A bond that is supposed to be eternal, but usually ends up lasting an average of eight years — and that's not even in celebrity time, no siree.

No matter, though. Marriage is always in. Especially for these celebrities, who tied the knot with their partners this year. Here are 10 celebrities that said "I do" in 2017.

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Serena Williams and Alexis Ohanian

Williams, 36, and Ohanian, 34, said their "I do's" in a star-studded New Orleans ceremony in November.



Jessica Chastain and Gian Luca Passi de Preposulo

The 40-year-old woke bae and actress married her longtime beau, Gian Luca Passi de Preposulo, 34, in June.



Miranda Kerr and Evan Spiegel

Formerly celibate brunettes Kerr, 34, and Snapchat CEO Spiegel, 26, married in May.



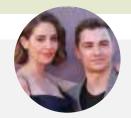
Gucci Mane and Keyshia Ka'oir

Gucci Mane, 37, and his longsuffering longtime girlfriend, Ka'oir, 32, married in an extravagant \$1.7 million wedding in Miami this October.



Michael Fassbender and Alicia Vikander

Very serious actors Fassbender, 40, and Vikander, 29, tied the knot in Ibiza in October.



Alison Brie and Dave Franco

"Glow" star Brie, 34 and the younger Franco, 32, confirmed they had one of those low-key topsecret weddings in March.



Amanda Seyfried and Thomas Sadoski

Here are some words used to describe the elopement of actors Seyfried, 31, and Sadoski, 40: intimate, secret, beautiful, in March.



Pippa Middleton and James Matthews

Kate's little sister Pippa Middleton, 34, finally married her very rich beau, James Matthews, 42, in a very posh ceremony in May.



Kate Mara and Jamie Bell

Mara, 34, and Bell, 31, married in a low-key ceremony in July, after a six-month engagement.



Julia Stiles and Preston J. Cook

Stiles, 36, and Cook married over Labor Day with two friends on the beach in Seattle.





# The tao of Jean-Claude Van Damme

"The Muscles from Brussels" opens up about his Amazon series and more.



Jean-Claude Van Damme has been kicking butts and taking names on the big screen for decades. Now fans will get to see another side of the star when his show "Jean-Claude Van Johnson" premieres on Amazon.

In the series, which debuts Dec. 15, Van Damme dips his toes into the comedy waters, playing a pasthis-prime, fictionalized version of himself. But "The Muscles from Brussels" doesn't just take on the role of an aging actor looking for a comeback; his character is also an undercover spy who gets into all kinds of trouble, much to the chagrin of his handler and ex-lover Vanessa (Kat Foster).

Van Damme tells Metro that he had a lot



Jean-Claude van Damme stars in Amazon's new series "Jean-Claude Van Johnson." AMAZON PRIME VIDES

of fun showing off his comedic chops—along with his high-flying kicks—in "Jean-Claude Van Johnson"

"I think people will be surprised when they see that," he says. "I really did it over the top. It was the only way to show that I can do something in that area."

Despite his ups and

downs, the 57-year-old actor has remained a beloved icon among action movie fans. He credits his longevity in the business to his charisma, something he believes only a handful of martial arts

stars have.

In particular, he doesn't think Chuck Norris has that same X factor as Bruce Lee or even

an "out of shape" Steven Seagal.

"Charisma, bro. It's true," says Van Damme. "I love Chuck, but Chuck didn't have what Bruce and I have. It's like that click. The click is happening for us.

"And it's real," he adds.
"Our moves are real and
we believe what we're doing so you can project that

energy

Van Damme began his martial-arts journey as a kid, frequently going toe-to-toe with sparring partners who were much older and stronger than he was. As a comic-book fan, Van Damme was inspired by his favorite heroes to step up his game and hone his physique so he could compete with the big boys.

"They were tough kids and I was scared as s—t," Van Damme says. "I started lifting weights to have a good body. Of course, I fell in love with those comic books. By looking at their bodies, like Spider-Man and Silver Surfer, you see their body shape, so you start to imitate their bodies."

Before diving into the world of movies, Van Damme participated in full-contact karate and kickboxing matches back in the day, earning a slew of knockouts and championships. He briefly toyed with the idea of returning to the ring against Olympic boxing gold medalist and muay Thai legend Somluck Kamsing during filming for his short-lived, 2011 reality series "Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors."

These days, Van Damme tries to keep his kicks in the gym, occassionally training with mixed martial artists like UFC champion Georges St-Pierre. At his age, Van Damme would rather watch MMA fights on TV than throwdown in a cage.

However, he admits that dealing with agents and everything that comes with Hollywood can be just as risky as a street fight, or even the spy vs. spy moments in "Jean-Claude Van Johnson."

"It can be very dangerous," Van Damme says. "Where you have lots of money, it's always dangerous."

"Jean-Claude Van Johnson" premieres Friday, Dec. 15, on Amazon.



# 2 Iconic soups in 1

Dale Talde fuses Japanese and Jewish culinary traditions to create a Hanukkah special of Rabbi's Ramen.



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Matzo ball soup turned into ramen? It's not mashugana, it's the new Rabbi's Ramen at Rice & Gold, Dale Talde's new pan-Asian restaurant in Chinatown.

"To me, Jewish deli food is one of the cuisines that most defines this city, so what better way to represent the holidays in New York than a matzo ball-ramen fusion dish?" says Talde. "Only instead of being made by your Jewish grandmother, it's made by a few Filipino and Korean chefs."

Talde is known for his fusion dishes — not to mention writing the cookbook on "proudly inauthentic" cuisine — and Rice & Gold may be his widest-ranging project yet, with a menu that borrows influences from Mexico to the Philippines and everywhere in between.

For the Rabbi's Ramen, Talde uses creamy emulsified chicken soup for the base, loads it up with pulled chicken, fresh veggies and a soymarinated egg, with a finishing touch of lemon, dill and garlic schmaltz for extra richness (in this case, not excessive sentimentality but rendered chicken fatt).



The dish also nods to the special connection between Jewish and Asian communities. In many cities (though not New York, #blessed), only Asian restaurants are open on Christmas Day, so many Jewish families spend their day off seeing a matinee movie then having an early dinner of dim sum, sushi or pad thai.

And because it's a dish for the holiday sea-

son, Rabbi's Ramen is as much about replicating a feeling as the taste.

"The combination of flavors in this dish really invoke that level of comfort you're looking for in both a ramen dish and a matzo ball soup," says Talde

Rabbi's Ramen is \$16 and available only during the eight days of Hanukkah (Dec. 12-20) at Rice & Gold, located at 50 Bowery.

## 'Game of Thrones' on the big screen

You're probably not getting the most out of "Game of Thrones" by watching it on your TV or phone, so HBO is putting it on the big screen — for free.

Relive the episode Spoils of War, where Daenerys Targaryen barbecues the Lannister army into submission at AMC 34th (312 W. 34th St.) today

Dec.13.
The free screenings will also include

"Conquest & Rebellion," a 45-minute animated film about the violent events that shaped Westeros.(As opposed to the happy ones, which would probably take up five minutes.)

Fans will also be able to take photos on replicas of the Iron Throne and Dragonstone Throne, check out the Dragonstone map table and see a gallery of the would-be conquerors of Westeros.

The screenings will take place in two sessions: 5-7 p.m. and 8-10 p.m. Doors open three hours before each showtime so everyone has a chance to get that perfect Ruler

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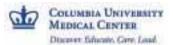
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## Managing epilepsy in NYC



According to Epilepsy. com, the number of people in the U.S. with epilepsy ranges from 1.3 million to 2.8 million, or 5 to 8.4 for every 1,000 people. We spoke to Dr. Kyusang S. Lee, associate director of the epilepsy program and clinical neurophysiology and co-director of the epilepsy monitoring unit at Mount Sinai Downtown, Union Square, to learn more about the condition and how to best manage it in New York City.

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What is epilepsy?

Epilepsy is a neurological condition defined as having at least two unprovoked seizures more than 24 hours apart, or one unprovoked seizure with a high probability (at least 60%) of having another over the next 10 years. A seizure is a burst of abnormal electrical activity in the brain that can cause changes in consciousness, sensation, movement, or behavior.

#### Is it something that you are born with?

One can develop epilepsy at any age, although the risk is highest in young children and in adults over 60. Common causes include genetics, brain malformations or metabolic disorders in young children and prior head trauma, stroke, brain tumor or brain infection in adults. In some cases, the cause remains unknown.

How is it treated?

The mainstay of treatment is anti-seizure medications. Other treatment options includie epilepsy surgery, vagus nerve stimulation, responsive neurostimulation, the ketogenic diet, and investigational drugs. Lifestyle can have an effect on one's epilepsy, so it is important to take the anti-seizure medication regularly, get an adequate amount of sleep and avoid substance abuse.

#### What are some epilepsy resources in NYC?

Major medical systems, including the Mount Sinai Health System, have dedicated epilepsy centers that provide comprehensive management of epilepsy. In addition, the Epilepsy Foundation of Metropolitan New York provides epilepsy education and advocacy, combined with services such as counseling and vocational supports. SHEILA DOUGHÊRTY



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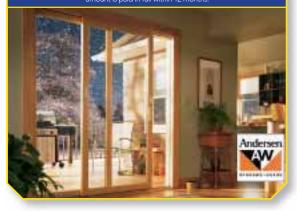
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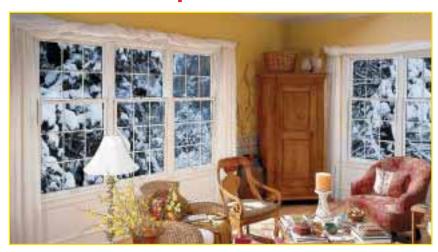
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Here's what you need to know about the somewhat obscure, yet extremely painful, condition.



You might have heard about endometriosis from celebrities like Lena Dunham and Padma Lakshmi, who have been outspoken about their struggles with the obscure, yet painful condition. But do you know what it actually is and if you might be at risk? We spoke with Dr. Kathy Huang, OB/GYN and director of the Endometriosis Center at NYU Langone, about the ins and outs of the disease and common symptoms to watch out for. Here are five of the most surprising things we learned.

### It's unclear what causes it

Endometriosis is an inflammatory disease that occurs when the endometrium, the uterine lining that a woman's body sheds each month during menstruation, attaches itself to an organ outside of the uterus. As to why on earth the endometrium would find its way out of the uterus, doctors don't exactly know, Huang explains. Wherever it attaches itself, the endometrium will continue to bleed



each month during menstruation, creating a painful, swollen lesion that causes complications as it grows each month.

### It's more common than you think

According to the Endometriosis Foundation of America, the disease affects one in 10 women in the U.S., and 176 million worldwide. But according to Dr. Huang, that number might be a lot higher because so many cases go undiagnosed. "People don't know what signs to look for,"

she explains. "A lot of women growing up have always been told that period pain is completely normal, just something you go through."

The common symptoms to watch out for include heavy periods and pelvic pain during menstruation (which sometimes begins before your period or continues well after) spotting in between menstrual cycles, digestive issues, painful intercourse and infertility. However, Huang notes that pain ranges from mild to severe, and in some cases, women are asymptomatic.

#### It can occur anywhere in the body

The endometrial lining can attach itself anywhere in the body, from the ovaries to the bladder, intestines to the lungs. The symptoms will manifest differently depending on the organ. A woman with endometriosis in her bladder might experience pain or difficulty urinating, while a woman with endometriosis in her chest might see her lungs collapse and filled up with blood.

#### Women can develop the disease any time during their reproductive years

While endometriosis most commonly affects women ages 30 to 40 years of age, any woman who menstruates is susceptible to it, from her first period until menopause. To diagnose the condition, a doctor will discuss symptoms with the patient and perform a physical exam, but an MRI, or a laparoscopy, in which a sample of the endometrial tissue is biopsied, is the only way to confirm it.

#### You can all but cure it

If you're not trying to get pregnant, taking birth control pills or hormonal contraceptives like the implant or progestin-based IUDS can suppress the growth of the endometrial lesions, and in some cases, dispel symptoms. However, this won't cure the condition. To eradicate the endometriosis requires surgical removal of the lesion and the scar tissue created by it. Treatment varies depending on the severity of the condition and the patient's goals, Huang explains.



# **Projecting a Giancarlo Stanton-led Yankees lineup in 2018 season**

Yanks look even more imposing after the former Marlins slugger was introduced Mondav.



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The New York Yankees are back to being Major League Baseball's "Evil Empire" after acquiring slugger and reigning National League MVP Giancarlo Stanton from the Miami Marlins.

While a deal was struck on Saturday, sending Starlin Castro and two prospects to Miami Stanton, the deal wasn't made official until Monday.

A season after hitting 59 home runs, Stanton now joins a Yankees lineup that already features Aaron Judge, coming off a rookie season in which

he blasted 52 round trippers. The Yankees now have last season's toptwo home-run hitters, making them the first team since the 1965 San Francisco Giants, who sported Willie Mays and Willie McCovey, to feature a lineup with two such bats.

But the Yankees have so much more, which makes them such an imposing unit. Gary Sanchez is the best powerhitting catcher in baseball while Didi Gregorius is coming off a career season in which he set a Yankees franchise record for most home runs in a season by a shortstop.

On paper, there is little denying that this is the best lineup in baseball. So we tried to figure out just how good it could be.

Here is a look at the Yankees 2018 projected lineup with their predicted numbers:

1. BRETT GARDNER

2018 PROJ. STATS: .260 BA, 14 HR, 60 RBI

2. DIDI GREGORIUS

2018 PROJ. STATS: .280 BA, 22 HR, 85 RBI

3. AARON JUDGE

2018 PROJ. STATS: .275 BA, 44 HR, 103 RBI

4. GIANCARLO STANTON

2018 PROJ. STATS: .290 BA, 60 HR, 125 RBI

**5. GARY SANCHEZ** 

2018 PROJ. STATS: .275, 31 HR, 83 RBI

6. GREG BIRD

2018 PROJ. STATS: .240 BA, 16 HR, 55 RBI

7. AARON HICKS

2018 PROJ. STATS: .250 BA, 17 HR, 52 RBI

8. CHASE HEADLEY

2018 PROJ. STATS: .265 BA, 12 HR, 50 RBI

9. GLEYBER TORRES

2018 PROJ. STATS: .260, 11 HR, 65 RBI

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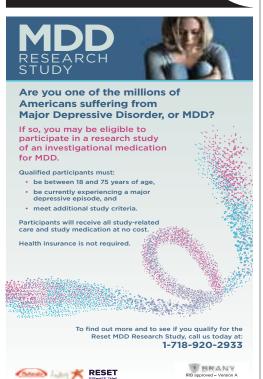
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# **Mets looking to deal Harvey?**

The Mets have been active in shopping their troubled pitcher during the Winter Meetings.



The messy relationship between Matt Harvey and the New York Mets could be close to being over. Or it could get only worse as we near the 2018 season.

Kristie Ackert of the New York Daily News Monday reported on morning that the Mets have called "at least two teams," inquiring about a possible trade involving Harvey.

A source added that the Mets seem more willing to part with Harvey than starters Seth Lugo or Robert Gsellman.

Harvey is under team control for just one more season before becoming an unrestricted



Matt Harvey could be dealt from New York before his contract expires at the end of the 2018 season, GETTY IMAGES

free agent and it isn't likely that he would resign with the team given

their history.
Injuries, feuds with agent Scott Boras and offfield issues have stunted his growth in an MLB career that held so much promise when he electrified the league as a rookie in 2013.

Another injury-shortened season last year was by far his worst in the majors as he posted a 5-7 record with a 6.70 ERA. Though he was faced with the difficult situation of basically reteaching himself how to pitch at a high level after his long list of injury problems.

Because of that, the market isn't necessarily going to be bustling for Harvey.

But Jon Heyman of FanRag Sports reported that the Baltimore Orioles "are seen" as a team that could possibly go after Harvey.

Baltimore is a team desperate for an upgrade in their starting rotation. Of their qualified starters, Dylan Bundy had the lowest ERA at 4.24. Ubaldo Jiminez and Chris Tillman sported marks of 6.81 and 7.84.

It would be a gamble to take on Harvey given his injury history, especially if they have to part with an important piece to fill the Mets' need of either a second baseman or reliever. But should Harvey find his stuff circa 2013 in a new city that provides a fresh start, the Orioles could come away with a steal.

Later on day, Heyman added that the Mets and Texas Rangers discussed a deal that would swap Harvey for infielder Jurickson Profar, which could attempt to address the team's issue at second. Though the deal is a longshot to actually get done.

Profar has not been able to find any kind of success at the majorleague level despite an ability to succeed in triple-A. In 206 games over four seasons, Profar has a .239 average with 13 home runs and 53 RBI.

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Taurus Take care of personal finances, health issues and any pending settlements before it's too late. Let go of the past and accept the inevitable.



Gemini You'll face opposition if you try to make changes that someone doesn't want. Expect a rival to use tactics that can undermine you and your plans.

Cancer Don't let your emotions take the reins.

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Capricorn Choose your words wisely and use common sense, not brute force, to get what you want. Trying to pressure or manipulate others will result in a stalemate.



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